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Applicant: Benedict et al Appl. No.: 10/813,228 Filed: 03/31/2004

Title : Automated Shipboard Material Handling and Storage

System

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that a three month extension of time, until December 2, 2009, be granted in which to respond to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 2, 2009. The statutory fee of \$555.00, for the three month extension, is attached. Any deficiencies in the extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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